



City Council News...

Swearing In Ceremony

The three recently elected City Council members, Joan Foster, Bert Dodson, and Scott Garrett, will be sworn in immediately following the regular scheduled City Council meeting on **Tuesday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m.** A reception will follow the swearing in ceremony.



City Council to Conduct Organizational Meeting

On **Monday, July 3 at 10:00 a.m.**, City Council will conduct its organizational meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to choose the president and vice-president. These two positions are better known to the public as the mayor and vice-mayor. Both officers are elected by the members of City Council.

According to the City Charter...

Section 6. Same-Election and terms of officers; president of council ex officio mayor; powers of mayor.

The council shall elect one of its members to preside over its meetings, who shall be entitled president, and who shall be ex officio mayor of the city, and shall also elect another member to be vice-president of the council to act in the place of the president in his absence or incapacity. The president and vice-president shall be elected for a term of two years, and any vacancy in the offices shall be filled by the election by the council for the unexpired term. The mayor shall have the same powers and duties as other members of the council with a vote, but no veto, and shall be the official head of the city. With the exception of those officers required by the Constitution of the state to be elected by popular vote, the members of the council shall be the only elective city officials.

There are no legal requirements regarding who among City Council may serve in either capacity with the exception that the two individuals must receive a majority of the votes and must be chosen before City Council's first meeting in July. Once elected, one of the mayor's first duties is to appoint councilmembers to one of two standing committees, Finance and Physical Development. The mayor will also appoint the chair of both committees.

Personal Property Tax Relief News

Beginning in 1998, the State of Virginia, enacted the Personal Property Tax Relief Act. The Act was designed to offer tax relief to citizens. As a result, the taxpayer pays only a percentage of their total Personal Property tax. The State then pays, on the taxpayers' behalf, to the City of Lynchburg, the remaining amount due. This amount is considered the State portion.

Due to the limited amount of State funds, the amount being paid by the State has been reduced and will soon, if not already be depleted.

What does this mean for the taxpayer?

It means that if you failed to pay your 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005



Personal Property taxes, you may now be responsible for the total amount due. This amount includes the taxpayer portion along with the State portion, because State funds will be or have been depleted.

If you have paid your Personal Property tax bills in full for the years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005, then this does not apply to you. This change will only apply to taxpayers who have outstanding, delinquent balances for one or more of those years.

Please direct any questions to the office of Billings and Collections at (434) 455-3850.

Celebrating 40 Years of Service 1966-2006

Lynchburg Public Library

On April 7, the Lynchburg Public Library officially kicked off its 40th anniversary with the opening of a new exhibit "Celebrating 40 Years of Service 1966 - 2006." A crowd of approximately 80 people attended the exhibit opening and panel discussion.

Several noted Lynchburg residents participated in the panel discussion, including Bill Quillian, President emeritus of R-MWC, Owen Cardwell, one of the first African American students to attend E.C. Glass High School, Samuel Cardwell, retired vice chairman of Crestar Financial Corp. and Crestar Bank, now SunTrust Bank, former state delegate Joan Jones, former state senator Elliot Schewel, and the former chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr./Lynchburg Community Council, Ken Kowalski.



The program was made possible by the Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Lippard Memorial Fund. Cable Channel 7 taped the 90-minute program. It will air on June 20 and 27 at 8:00 p.m. and June 21 and 28 at noon. The program is also available on DVD for \$5.00. If you would like a copy, please contact the Library office at 455-6330.

The display will run through 2006; visit the King Center on our website: www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary

Volunteer! Lynchburg Second Annual Night at the Ballpark



More than 250 Lynchburg City volunteers and family members attended the second annual Volunteer Night at the Ball Park at City Stadium May 25th. Vice Mayor Joan Foster personally thanked those in attendance. 2005 Citizens Academy graduate, Yale Greer, was given the honor of throwing out the first pitch. Over 600 citizens volunteer approximately 30,000 hours of their time, talent, and expertise annually. The volunteers do everything from picking up litter to shelving books at the Library to coaching Little League teams to serving on boards and commissions. Our sincere thanks to all of you who have volunteered for the City this year!

City Works to Locate Stormwater Structures

For the past six months two City employees, Luke Neilans and Jesse Pinchot, have been playing the role of detectives as they work with the City's Engineering Division on a project to map the City's stormwater collection system. The work is required by the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Discharge Permit. This permit, which was issued to the City by the state in March 2003, requires, among many other things, that the City develop an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) program. The purpose of the IDDE program is to detect and eliminate the flow of anything that is not stormwater runoff into our stormwater system and thereby into streams and ultimately the James River.



Neilans and Pincot have been walking along every stream in the City and driving along every road looking for stormwater inlets and outfalls. When an inlet or outfall structure is found, they use GPS equipment to take readings from multiple orbiting satellites to determine within a few feet exactly where in the city the structure is located. Using a hand held data collection unit they also enter basic information about the size, shape, and materials of the stormwater pipe system. This mapping will become a useful tool in tracing the source of any pollutants found in City streams.

Before an IDDE program can be implemented, the City must understand where all stormwater pipes are located and where they are discharging. One this stage of the project is complete, Neilans and Pinchot, will be boating along every mile of the larger creeks, scanning the banks for stormwater discharge points.

Seasonal Sewer Cap Begins...

During the months of April through September many Lynchburg residents use additional water to irrigate lawns, fill swimming pools, wash cars, etc. Water used in this manner does not enter the sewer system and does not have to be treated. The sewer portion of your water utility monthly bill from May through October is calculated using a seasonal sewer cap calculation.



The sewer cap is based on your average water consumption during the billing months of November through April. The sewer portion of your bill will reflect charges based on the actual monthly consumption or your "sewer cap," whichever is less. On May through October water bills you should not notice a significant increase in the sewer charges. Remember, "sewer cap" applies to usage for April - September. Only single family residential customers connected to the City's sewer system are affected by sewer cap billing. If you are filling your swimming pool or have any questions regarding the sewer cap, please call Utility Billing at 455-3840.

Annual Water Quality Report Available

The Annual Water Quality Report is being mailed in the June water bills to Lynchburg utility customers. In addition, the Report may also be viewed on the City's web site at www.lyncburgva.gov.



Summer Youth Passes Available!

GLTC is pleased to announce the return of the Summer Youth Pass! The pass is valid for all students aged 18 and younger. The pass will be valid from June 10 - August 27. The pass is good for unlimited rides on GLTC buses. The pass may be purchased for \$20 at the GLTC office (1301 Kemper Street) Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The single page application form requires the signature of the youth and his/her parent or legal guardian. The student's report card from the last grading period or proof of age must be presented in order to process the Summer Youth Pass. For more information contact the GLTC Customer Service Representative at (434) 455-5081 or visit GLTC online at: www.GLTCOnline.com



The RiverFlick Returns...



The *RiverFlick Film Series* returns to the riverfront for its third season, bringing more great movies to Central Virginia. *RiverFlick* is a free community event which shows family-friendly movies in an outdoor theater. The *RiverFlick's* outdoor theater is located at the corner of Ninth and Jefferson Streets in downtown Lynchburg and is FREE and open to the public. Gate opens at 7:00 p.m., and the movies begin at dark. Bring a blanket or a chair. Movie concessions are available.

NOTE: This is an alcohol and tobacco-free event. Please, no outside drinks or coolers, and please refrain from bringing pets. In case of inclement weather, movies will be shown at the same time on the following day (Sunday). For more information go to www.riverflick.org or call (434) 845-8850.

RIVERFLICK SCHEDULE:

June 10	<i>The Adventures of Robin Hood</i>
July 8	<i>Singin' in the Rain</i>
August 12	<i>Back to the Future</i>
September 9	<i>The Man Who Shot Liberty Valence</i>



James River Clean-Up... Volunteers Needed!

The City of Lynchburg in cooperation with the James River Advisory Council is sponsoring a cleanup of waterfront areas. The event will take place on **Saturday, June 10, 2006** from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, rain or shine. Meet us at 9:00 a.m. at the Percival's Island parking lot ready to work outdoors. Be sure to wear appropriate work clothes and gloves. Light refreshments will be provided.